

## **Fall Creek Falls State Park Special Events 2013**

*From 15km races and backpacking trips to rock climbing workshops and craft fairs, Fall Creek Falls State Park offers activities for the whole family throughout the year. No matter what your interests are, Fall Creek Falls has something for you.*

### **February 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, & 10<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***Basket Weaving Workshop***

On this weekend, Jim and Nancy Phillips will guide you through the basics of basket making. There is a fee for this event and registration is required. For more information, contact the Nature Center at (423) 881-5708. For reservations with Fall Creek Falls Inn, call 1-800-250-8610 and ask about the special package deal.

### **March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

#### ***FCF Thaw 15km Run & Weekend Excursion***

This is a 15km run traversing one of the most beautiful areas in the eastern United States. Entry forms are available at <http://tennessee.gov/environment/parks/RunningTour/>. A special package rate has been set for those staying for the Awards Banquet Saturday night. The price includes one night lodging in Fall Creek Inn, the banquet meal, and breakfast on Sunday morning. Contact Fall Creek Falls Inn for reservations at 1-800-250-8610.

### **March 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***Waterfalls Weekend***

We will offer both easy jaunts and strenuous hikes to look at some of the area's beautiful waterfalls. Please call the Nature Center at (423) 881-5708 for more details.

### **March 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>**

#### ***Easter Weekend***

Join us in the Village Area for an Easter egg hunt on Saturday. A morning sunrise service will be offered at Millikan's Overlook on Sunday morning.

### **April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage***

This is a very special weekend! We will explore the park and see many early spring wildflowers and breathtaking views. A variety of hikes, workshops, driving tours, and slideshows will be offered.

### **May 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***Tennessee Spring Star Party 2013***

Programs are entry level to professional level. Professional and amateur astronomers will be giving presentations. Dark sky field viewing will be Friday and Saturday night with alternate "bad weather" programs. There will be no registration fee. Your only cost for the event will be lodging and food. For more information, contact Allen Ball at [mistal@bellsouth.net](mailto:mistal@bellsouth.net) or Lloyd Watkins at [watkinslk@comcast.net](mailto:watkinslk@comcast.net), or visit [www.CumberlandAstronomicalSociety.org](http://www.CumberlandAstronomicalSociety.org). Please make reservations with Fall Creek Falls Inn at 1-800-250-8610 and ask about the special package deal.

### **Memorial Day through Labor Day Summer Season at Fall Creek Falls**

Softball, nature hikes, canoe floats, campfires, horseback riding and bluegrass music are just some of the events that mark our summer season. Interpretive and recreational events are scheduled seven days a week.

### **June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***Astronomy Weekends***

Join us for discussions regarding constellations, lunar lore, and our brightest star, the Sun. Telescope viewing will also be offered, weather permitting. For more information, email Lloyd Watkins at [watkinslk@comcast.net](mailto:watkinslk@comcast.net), or visit [www.CumberlandAstronomicalSociety.org](http://www.CumberlandAstronomicalSociety.org).

### **July 4<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***Fourth of July Celebration***

Dress up your car, your bike, or yourself for our "traditional" parade, which ends in Campground A. After watermelon and cake, we will move to the field for events such a sack race, the egg toss, tug-o-war, and other family favorites.

### **August 18<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***Triathlon***

Push your limits in a 1.5km swim, followed by a 40km bike ride, and a 10km run. For more information on this event contact Kevin Mahan by email at [kevin@endurancesportsmanagement.com](mailto:kevin@endurancesportsmanagement.com) or call (865)988-3906. Be sure to ask what other races will be offered throughout the year!

**September 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup>**

***35<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountaineer Folk Festival***

This weekend's jam-packed schedule includes handmade crafts, 2 stages of traditional mountain music, demonstrations of pioneer skills, country cooking, and much more. Don't miss this event!

**October 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**

***Fall Colors Weekend***

Join us on bicycle tours, guided hikes, and slideshows focusing on the autumn splendor of Fall Creek Falls State Park.

**October 26<sup>th</sup>**

***Wild Foods Day***

Field trips identifying edible wild plants and workshops on preparing wild meats and breads are just part of the activities. The real treat comes in enjoying the wild feast.

**November 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**

***Tennessee Fall Star Gaze***

Join us to view the night sky, learn about night sky viewing equipment, and engage in discussion with individuals experienced in the field of astronomy. For more information, contact Lloyd Watkins at [watkinslk@comcast.net](mailto:watkinslk@comcast.net), or visit [www.CumberlandAstronomicalSociety.org](http://www.CumberlandAstronomicalSociety.org). Feel free to bring your telescope if you have one!

**November 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**

***Backpacking Trip***

Join us for a 13-mile trek through some of the more remote portions of the park. This hike is for both novices and experienced backpackers and includes a 2-day guided hike with an overnight camp. There is a \$10 fee and pre-registration is required. Contact the Nature Center at (423) 881-5708.

**December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup>**

***Christmas on the Mountain***

Join us for a weekend of Yuletide fun, holiday music, handmade crafts and gifts for the little ones. Activities include making Christmas crafts, storytelling, breakfast with Santa, and a 3-day mountain craft show for everyone.

*Fall Creek Falls State Resort Park, situated on the Western Edge of the Cumberland Plateau, contains approximately 26,000 acres of rugged beauty. Inside the park are both first class recreational facilities and pristine wilderness. Resource management staff is available year round to assist park visitors. Fifty miles of trails, including twenty-five miles of backpacking trails, and twenty miles of biking trails, lead the visitor away from the roads and into the wilderness at Fall Creek Falls. Questions relating to the programs above should be addressed to the Nature Center, Fall Creek Falls State Park, 10821 Park Road, Pikeville, TN, 37367. Phone (423) 881-5708. Cabins and rooms can be reserved at Fall Creek Inn by calling (423) 881-5241 or 1-800-250-8610.*

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